

REMARKS

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner requires restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to either claims 1-12 (Group I), drawn to an automated mechanism for painting, or to claims 13-18 (Group II), drawn to a method for automated painting. Therefore, Applicants hereby provisionally elect claims 1-12 with traverse. Non-elected claims 13-18 have been withdrawn from consideration. Applicants respectfully assert that the withdrawal of non-elected claims 13-18 is subject to reinstatement in the event the requirement for restriction is withdrawn or overruled as per 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, claims 1-12 are pending. Applicants hereby request further examination of the presently claimed application. If the Examiner has any questions or comments or otherwise feels it would be helpful in expediting the application, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 972-980-5838 or 214-789-2108.

Respectfully submitted,

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